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Still another aspect of the present invention is a data recording/reproducing apparatus in accordance with said first invention, characterized in comprising deletion file selecting criteria information setting means which is for a user to set up said deletion file selecting criteria information for each one of said recording areas.

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Yet another aspect of the present invention (corresponding to claim 4) is a data recording/reproducing apparatus in accordance with said first invention, characterized in that said files are grouped in accordance with a predetermined criteria, said file management means, when deleting a portion or all of at least one file which is recorded in said predetermined recording area, deletes the file which is to be deleted as well as other files which belong to the same group as the file which is to be deleted.

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Still yet another aspect of the present invention is a data recording/reproducing apparatus in accordance with any one of said first through fourth inventions, characterized in that a classification of said data which are to be written is different for each one of said recording areas, and said data recording/reproducing apparatus comprises data classification information setting means which is for a user to set up, for each one of said recording areas, data classification information which is for setting up a classification of data which are to be written.

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A further aspect of the present invention is a medium which is characterized in that it can be handled with a computer and characterized in carrying a program and/or data which is for executing with a computer all or some functions of all or some means of a data recording/reproducing apparatus in accordance with any one of said first through fifth claims.

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The file management means 60 holds the deletion file selecting criteria

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information as that shown in Fig. 2 which is for selecting a file which is to be deleted as new data are written, for each one of the recording areas AID1, AID2 and AID3. The file management means 60 recognizes that the file FID8 which bears the number of viewing of 1 or larger and the earliest recording time is a delete candidate, judges that it is necessary to delete the file FID8 in order to write the data newly supplied as the signal from the digital AV equipment 80 in the recording area AID1.

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As a user designates the file FID5 as a delete candidate based on the displayed information, the manipulation portion of the display/manipulation means 70 provides the file management means 60 with an instruction designating the file FID9 as a delete candidate, in the form of a signal.

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Deletion file selecting criteria information setting means 161 is means which is for a user to set up deletion file selecting criteria information which is for selecting a delete candidate in each recording area which is set up by the recording area setting means 150.

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Data classification information setting means 162 is means which is for a user to set up a classification of data which are to be written for each recording area which is set up by the recording area setting means 150.

✓ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 20:

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In short, the deletion file selecting criteria information setting means 161 notifies the file management means 160 of such setup which causes en-masse deletion, in the recording area AID1, of files which belongs to the same group as a file whose recording time is earliest. Further, the deletion file selecting criteria information setting means 161 notifies the file management means 160 of such setup which causes en-masse deletion, in the recording area AID2, of files which belongs to the same group as a file which bears the largest number of viewing.

✓ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 41, line 13: